

# POLICE ASSIST HEARST BRUISERS IN L.A. ATTACK

SUPPORT THE UNITED FRONT LABOR TICKET

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# REFUSE FORCED FARM LABOR AT SCAB PAY

LABOR MEET AT GENEVA FRAMES ANTI-WAR PLAN  
Demand 40 Cents Per Hour in Hop Fields, Fed. Says

LITVINOFF DECLARES NO MILITARY ACT NEEDED UNLESS INVASION

Duce's Army Revolts  
BRITISH LABOR HEAD PLAYS IMPERIALIST CONFUSION GAME

GENEVA, Sept. 5.—The meeting of the International Federation of Trade Unions to be held here tomorrow will establish the attitude of official labor circles towards the Italo-Ethiopian war crisis, and may lead to a labor embargo on shipment of munitions or other war supplies to Italy.

Some indication of the dangerous game played amongst so-called "conservative labor" leaders is seen in the British Trade Union Congress proceedings at Margate, where Sir Walter Citrine, recently knighted for "services to the British Empire," attempted to exploit active anti-war sentiment by confusing bitter hostility to Mussolini with British imperialist demands for "sanctions."

A resolution endorsed by the Labor Party executive and the Trade Union Congress was sent to a mass meeting in Paris sponsored by the French Confederation of Labor, expressing the solidarity of labor against war in Ethiopia.

The British Congress was petitioned by the Soviet Union trade unions, numbering more than eleven million members, to form a solid international united front against war and fascism.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Italian envoys "temporarily" withdrew from the League of Nations today in protest against international regulation of the Ethiopian-Italian conflict. This was followed immediately by the calling of so-called exempted youths to the colors, and the building of Italian war strength. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

ILD TO APPEAL CONVICTION OF LONG BEACH 3

SENTENCED TO FINE OR JAIL BY WALLACE

LONG BEACH, Calif., Sept. 5.—Following a trial before Municipal Judge Charles Wallace on charges of disturbing the peace and unlawful assemblage, three leaders of the Public Works and Unemployed Union were found guilty on Friday, Aug. 30, and were sentenced yesterday.

Mrs. Alice Robinson, a Negro worker, was given 15 days of \$75 fine; Mrs. Nine McNamee, 15 days or \$75; and Mrs. Louretta Adams, 75 days or \$200. George Johnson, of the International Labor Defense, and George Shibley, member of the board of directors of the End Poverty League, defense counsel, will appeal the case. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

UNEMPLOYED ORDERED TO PICK HOPS AT SCAB PAY OR STARVE

Merriam Involved

RELIEF WORKERS OFFERED TO WEALTHY GROWERS AS SLAVE LABOR

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—An ever swelling tide of protest and resistance has stopped the conscription of SERA workers for work in the fields of Sonoma County. The work of the S. F. County Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations, through leaflets and speakers describing the true conditions in that area at the State Employment Office where the workers were signing up was largely instrumental in bringing this about.

In spite of relief agency threats that workers refusing the scab wages would not get back on SERA rolls no more than 250 men were signed up in San Francisco in two days.

Relief officials now admit that 50 cents a day is all hop pickers could make and announce that single men will be returned to relief rolls.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 5.—Governor Merriam, in an address at the State Fair here today made a penetrating analysis of the agricultural crisis, throwing a sharp new light on the situation.

Faced with a state of affairs where all organized law has collapsed in farming areas and passed over to gangster rule by employers; where regular sources of farm labor have been driven away by hunger wages and intimidation; where 5000 men were forced off relief and ordered into the fields to slave for 50 cents per day or starve; and where their refusal to do so results in the threatened ruination of all hop crops; and where the bulk of all farms have passed into the hands of mortgage holding bankers, the governor stated:

"Let us unite our efforts to awake and stay awake to defend our heritage and perpetuate the American ideals which Washington created, by erecting a fitting memorial in our Capitol Park which will stand as a reminder to future generations."

"The State Fair," he declared, "is the yardstick by which agricultural prosperity can be measured."

"The obnoxious weeds of Communism," he assured, "soon wither under the blaze of true patriotism. The seeds of Communism cannot thrive in a mind filled with gratitude for the principles Washington handed down to posterity."

Thugs Disrupt Anti-Hearst Newsstand Police Permit Vigilante Confiscation

Herman Lewis, Los Angeles Distributor of Worker-Literature, Gangster-Ridden

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4.—While policeman, "public servant and guardian of the law" deliberately closed his eyes, six or seven vigilante thugs attacked a worker and confiscated a large bundle of working class literature.

Lewis Herman who makes his living by selling working class papers and pamphlets at Fifth and Hill streets was surrounded at 2 p. m. this afternoon by six or seven burly thugs and had a bundle of pamphlets, "Labor Enemy No. 1, Wm. R. Hearst" snatched from his stand. Some of the men snatched the bundle of New

Masses which Herman held in his hand.

They sarcastically asked Herman whether he was a communist, and how much he made selling the literature. Herman replied that was a sympathizer and that he made a small profit.

A black sedan drove up on the Fifth street side. One of the gangsters said, "The driver want to buy a New Masses." Herman went to the car and sold the man a magazine. When he returned he found that the thugs had kicked

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HEARST THUGS  
AIDED BY COPS  
BEAT PICKETS

LOS ANGELES EXAMINER

PICKET LINE MET

BY TERROR

Film Record Stolen

BYSTANDERS SLUGGED IN  
WORST ATTACK SINCE

JUNE 30 DRUG

By John Broman.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5.—Thugs and gangsters in the employ of William Randolph Hearst perfected the most flagrant terrorism since the charity riot of a year ago when they cracked down on an anti-Hearst picket line at the Los Angeles Examiner here yesterday. Approximately 200 police, private detectives and "gorillas" from the Examiner circulation gang brutally clubbed and beat up scores of workers and pedestrians in breaking up the picket line.

Five workers were arrested by police following the Hearst-instigated riot. Two of them were severely beaten and clubbed.

Nino Reyes was removed to the General Hospital following treatment at George street Receiving Hospital, and was reported in a serious condition. He is charged with "disturbing the peace," but was not well enough to be arraigned last night.

The other workers were arraigned in night court. Charles Silverberg, also badly clubbed by police, was charged with "disturbing the peace" and resisting an officer. His bail was set at \$1000.

Jack Ginsburg, M. E. Freeman and J. C. Honeycomb were arraigned on charges of trying to establish a boycott and violation of the anti-picketing ordinance. Bail for each was set at \$350.

The International Labor Defense is raising bail for the prisoners.

The picket line, comprised of some 200 workers, organized by the Conference for Labor's Civil Rights, had made but one tour in front of the Examiner when the police, thugs and private detectives launched their clubbing attack. So sudden was the attack that few of the pickets were in a position to defend themselves.

One policeman, George Gentil, suffered light flesh wounds from a blow over the head.

\* Thugs Begin Riot.

The rioting started when five Examiner thugs dashed across the street to a parking lot, where the pickets had banners bearing anti-Hearst slogans, in an automobile. As the thugs started to tear out the banners, a policeman dashed over and by mistake clubbed one of the Examiner men over the head. The thug slashed back at the officer with a rubber blackjack, and for a minute a fight between the Examiner men and police ensued.

A police lieutenant stopped it when he rushed over, "What the hell are you guys doing? These are our men!"

The seamen still are cooperating with the striking scalers in refusing to do work within the legitimate jurisdiction of the former union. The solidarity of the seamen with the scalers was one of the main factors in forcing a break in the lock-out decided by the contractors.

The Seafarers' Union has issued a strong appeal for funds to assist them in carrying on the strike and in forcing a successful settlement. Copies of the appeal have been sent to all maritime unions asking for donations.

Additional funds are urgently needed by the strikers and all unions are asked to contribute as soon as possible.

Seamen Firm In Demands  
For Clarified Agreement

LABOR TICKET  
CONFERENCE TO  
OCCUR SEPT. 22

UNITED FRONT ENTERS  
ELECTION TO OUST  
ROSSI MACHINE

Mason for Mayor

HEAD OF NEWS GUILD  
CHOSEN TO LEAD  
LABOR SLATE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—Calls have been sent out to trade unions and other organizations urging them to elect delegates to the Labor Ticket Ratification Conference, to be held in the Civic Auditorium on Sept. 22.

The Labor Ticket, representing a united front of San Francisco labor and liberal elements, was chosen at a conference held Aug. 31, and attended by 65 organizations, numbering 46,000 members.

\* Splendid Slate.

Labor is now in the municipal election to win. Heading the splendor slate chosen is Redfern Mason, nationally known music critic, president of the Northern California Newspaper Guild, who defied Hearst in the time of the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8.)

SCALERS UNION  
ON STRIKE IN  
SAN PEDRO

STRIKERS ASK FUNDS TO  
CONTINUE STRUGGLE

BULLETIN

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Sept. 5.—The Ships Scalers Union today is on strike against the Martin Ship Service Company, the same firm which initiated the lock-out against San Francisco scalers more than a month ago.

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Scalers, locked out by the contractors several weeks ago, continued to work directly with shipowners this week while the contractors had been completely eliminated from the scene.

Several large gangs have been doing work for the Grace Line and the Panama Pacific at Pier 35 here. No contractors are being used. Agreements with the shipowners are pending, it was announced.

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\* Boost Attendance.

Hereafter each member will be given a stamp for attendance at regular meetings, which will take place the first and third Mondays in each month. When he pays his dues his attendance will be logged and if he has not attended at least one out of four meetings privilege of working ex-

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Main Point Is  
Overtime Pay

Longshore Payment for Longshore Work, Wage Increases, July 5th Holiday, Are Among Issues at Question

POLICE INVADE  
WORKERS' MEET

'Law Or No Law, Raid You When We Feel Like It'

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 5.—Five Oakland police officers last night raided the home of a Negro longshoreman, Joe White, at 523 Peralta street, without warrant or authority, after a stool pigeon informed them that a working class meeting was held there.

"What is this?" the cops demanded when they burst into the house, "a red meeting?"

A provisional committee for the abolition of Jim-Crow CCC Camps was meeting, with 14 delegates present from the Public Works and Unemployed Union, the International Workers Order, the Vanguard (a Negro Club), the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the American Youth Congress and the Young Communist League. Nine of those present were Negro workers. Joe White, a member of the ILA local 3879 and a delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council, is president of the committee.

\* Jim Crow Camps.

This united front committee had almost completed plans for a struggle against the Jim-Crow CCC camp which is located near the San Pablo dam in Contra Costa County. The camp is managed by all white officers, and the Negro boys under them suffer all the evils of such segregated camps.

Other changes asked by the Seafarers include wage increases, the six-hour day in port, additional payment for obnoxious (penalty) cargo, longshore pay for all longshore work, and improvements in working conditions. They also are asking that July 5 (Bloody

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BARGEMEN MEET TO CONSIDER  
PROPOSALS FOR STRIKE END

Six Companies in Move Toward Settling  
Walk-out—Fay Not Included

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Negotiations for settlement of the Bargemen's strike with a group of six barge owners representing themselves as the Independent Boat Owners were conducted by a Bargemen's Committee this week.

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other boat from Sacramento and succeeded in unloading 1500 bags of onions and other produce at Pier 27 here. The original cargo of 1200 bags brought by the same outfit on the Sutter still is on the pier.

The dock superintendent refused to accept either cargo and commission merchants also refuse to have anything to do with it. A sailing of the ship Yuba from Stockton, also manned by strike-breakers, was cancelled. Officials manning the boats all carry guns and a special policeman is hired to accompany the boats on their trips.

All cargo at Pier 3 has been declared "hot" by the bargemen. Teamsters have been hauling cargo from this dock to other points, protected by police, and under the wing of Michael Casey of the

Official strike-breakers manned an Teamsters' Union here.

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ALL OUT NATIONAL  
YOUTH DAY SEPT. 7

HARRY BRIDGES  
UNOPPOSED FOR  
ILA PRESIDENT

LONGSHOREMEN VOTE TO  
ESTABLISH STRICTER  
JOB DISCIPLINE

Tenant Is Recalled

MARINE FIREMEN SCORE  
ATTEMPT TO ARREST  
"VOICE" SALESMEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—Harry Bridges, fighting president of the International Longshoremen's Association here, last night was chosen as unopposed candidate for re-election.

Bill Marlowe, dispatcher, had been suggested also but declined in favor of Bridges. In declining he pointed out that the men here have excellent working conditions, a fine dispatching hall but that it is up to them to maintain it so.

A constitution limiting the holding of office to two years for any individual, to go into effect this year, was adopted. A series of measures, leading to better discipline on the job was adopted.

Among these was a provision that any longshoreman drunk on the job or failing to report for a night job will be forced to take 72 hours off. A second offense carries a penalty of a week off and a third offense means 70 days

## 2 DEMAND JURY TRIAL IN L. A. EVICTION FIGHT

THIRD VICTIM OF FRAME-UP URGED TO ASK FOR ILL DEFENSE

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5.—Trial of Mrs. Jean Hendricks, Public Works and Unemployed Union member, and Clyde Champion, organizer of the Belvedere subsection of the Communist Party, on various trumped up charges growing out of the resistance of workers to the eviction of Mrs. Hendricks and her invalid sister-in-law, Nell Dutton, was postponed when the case was called last Friday in Montebello Justice Court for a jury trial. They are Court.

Mrs. Hendricks and Champion, being defended by Grover Johnson of the International Labor Defense.

### \* One Exception.

The other defendant, Mrs. Josephine Goldbaum, secured private counsel and asked for a court trial, which was set for September 27th. Workers in the area are urging her to ask for a jury trial and to present a common front with Mrs. Hendricks and Champion under I.L.D. defense.

Workers were excluded from the courtroom in the Friday hearing because Justice of the Peace Gale insisted all seats were required for jurors.

An old warrant, which police said was outstanding against Champion, was proved to be one for Clyde Barrows, slain partner of John Dillinger.

### \* Defense Meeting.

Following the court appearance, a defense meeting was called by the PWUU at 404 Evergreen. J. Thorne, I.L.D. secretary spoke of the need for continued demonstrations against the attempted tailoring and Champion asked the workers to influence Mrs. Goldbaum to demand a jury trial and to have the defense of the I.L.D.

All three are out on bail. The workers were arrested last weeks for protesting the eviction. Neighbors and fellow workers in the PWUU moved the furniture back in the house, after it had been dumped in the street under police supervision.

## 40 CENTS IS ASKED BY HOP FIELD PICKERS

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the National and State Re-employment Service, and Governor Merriam.

Following the reign of vigilante terror against the organized agricultural workers, the rulers of Sonoma County found their fields and orchards effectively boycotted by labor. Some of the larger ranches, in desperation, advertised in various daily papers for "men, women and children" to come and pick hops. Publicity stories in the capitalist press urged workers to come to these fields and work in the harvest.

### \* SERA Projects Shut Down.

All SERA projects were shut down in Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino and Lake Counties to force the unemployed to work for the scab wages which the banks have determined to pay. Roger Thomas, a district manager of the National Re-employment Service, Assemblyman Hubert B. Seender, both identified as vigilantes, together with Senator Stater, and a number of business men visited Governor Merriam in Sacramento and asked his help in closing down relief and forcing the unemployed into the fields. Merriam immediately got on the job.

He was asked to donate National Guard camping equipment for the labor conscription camps, but found he could not, since it technically belongs to the Federal Government.

### \* Teamwork of Capital.

The committee of business men called upon McLaughlin and worked out the details of his end of the job. Following this they conferred with the State Employment Service, and by last Saturday the stage was set.

McLaughlin saw that relief stoppage began, the Employment Service took enrolments, and Merriam has been blessing the machine and keeping it in order. The capitalist newspapers have given the necessary publicity stories about high wages, easy work, free transportation, good food, good camps, and all the usually tommy-rot.

The hop picking usually lasts about two weeks. Following this it is planned to use these men to harvest the grapes and prunes—20 to 25 cents an hour.

Men applying for transient relief in San Francisco are ordered to pick hops at the growers' own terms or starve.

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# Stronger Standard Oil Boycott Is Asked

## LOS ANGELES CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

Weekly Meeting, Friday, August 30

### Secretary Buzzell Worries Over Western Worker—Raises Red Scare Against PWUU—Move to Close Sessions

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 31.—Secretary J. W. Buzzell of the Central Labor Council, at last night's meeting of that body, raised a "red scare" and attempted to bring disunity between the trade unions and organized un-

employed. Council who attend Communist meetings, or meetings of Communist activities, is acting in a manner detrimental to the welfare of this Council, and upon proof, will be liable to expulsion as a delegate."

Another resolution, referred to the executive committee, will close Council meetings to all but delegates, if adopted.

Illuminating as to the manner in which the Buzzell machine runs the Central Labor Council, is a statement by Buzzell in the Aug. 30 issue of the L. A. Citizen, to the effect that the above "communist resolution" had been adopted by the Council at a meeting on Aug. 23.

This was printed before the Council had even acted on the proposal. The same issue of the Citizen carried no mention of such a resolution in the minutes for the August 23 meeting.

The Council machine recently refused to seat a delegate from Painters Local 1348 because he was a "suspected Communist."

The council secretary sought to prove that the Public Works and Unemployed Union is a "Communist affiliate organization" to lay the ground of sabotage of unity between labor and the unemployed. The question of Communists being present in Council meetings was "settled" by a resolution introduced by Buzzell: "First—that the Council is the judge of its own membership. Second—that any delegates in the

### POLICE BREAK UP PICKETING OF EXAMINER

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In the middle of Broadway with his arms raised protectively over his head and blood streaming down the side of his head from a deep cut.

J. Thorne, secretary of the International Labor Defense here, was singled out by four policemen for special attention. Thorne twice broke away from the police clubs, which gave him a cut over his left eye and bruised him over the body, but was eventually captured and taken to the Examiner Building, later being freed.

Tom Miller, secretary of the Conference for Labor's Civil Rights, was bludgeoned by an officer and his glasses were broken.

Scars felt the brutal blows from the clubs of the Hearst henchmen, and many sustained cuts.

H. Seminoff, of the Film and Photo League, was seized by Examiner thugs and his camera was taken away from him. The film was destroyed, so that no evidence of police brutality would remain, and later the camera was given back to him. Aaron Brodsky also had his camera confiscated. Another cameraman, Garchwiler, a former employee of the Examiner, was also seized and his camera taken away from him. It was given back to him after the film had been exposed.

### \* Bystanders Attacked.

While the rioting was in progress, an officer hit a Negro making his way on Eleventh street toward the Examiner. The Negro promptly punched the officer, saying that he worked at the newspaper office.

The picket line was organized several weeks ago by the Conference for Labor's Civil Rights, representing some 86 trade unions, Epic clubs, Utopian groups, and other liberal and radical organizations. The anti-Hearst mass-meeting, held last Friday night at the Mason Opera House under the auspices of the Friends of the Soviet Union, enthusiastically endorsed the picket line at that time.

### \* Liberals to Protest.

This morning a committee of liberals met in the office of the American Civil Liberties Union to organize a protest to Mayor Shaw and the City Council. This committee will formally protest the police brutality and connivance with Hearst at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Members of the committee include Dr. Rylander and Rev. Clinton Taft of the A.C.L.U.; Anthony Pratt, chairman of the Municipal League; James Carter, attorney; J. Thorne, International Labor Defense; Tom Miller, Conference for Labor's Civil Rights; Tom Cullen, United Progressive News.

Far from being intimidated by Hearst's fascist methods, the Conference for Labor's Civil Rights

# Stool Pigeons In Los Angeles

## Omar Kinder and H. C. Griswold, Rats for State, City and Private Police

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5.—Workers in this locality were warned against the activities of the two rats described below. Workers in other localities please clip and keep on the watch for them in case they are transferred elsewhere.

H. C. GRISWOLD is a police agent in the employ of the State police, working directly under Morrill, of State Bureau of Criminal Identification. He is approximately 40 years of age, 5' 10" tall, weighs 160 lbs, dark hair and eyes. This spy is assigned to the Los Angeles area to gather information about comrades, etc. He is a particularly dangerous type of police agent, in that he pretends sympathy and friendliness. He usually approaches comrades at demonstrations, meetings, etc., in friendly way, trying to get information. All workers are warned to look out for this "Specialist." (Unfortunately, we haven't succeeded in getting a picture of this rat as yet, but he can be seen frequently hanging around with the Los Angeles Red Squad, at demonstrations.)

OMAR KINDER, expelled from the Communist Party early 1934 as a stool-pigeon, is now openly in the employ of the police in Los Angeles, and for a private detective agency. This rat still has a few connections among sympathizers of the Party whom he pumps for information. He plays the role of a provocateur, hanging around with rogues and Trotzkites. He is frequently seen around the Cultural Center and across the street from the Communist Party headquarters on Spring street, with two fellow rats, spying on workers coming in and out of the headquarters.

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tension will be denied. If five members in any gang do not have the correct attendance stamp the extension privileges of the entire gang will be denied.

### \* New Frame-up.

District Attorney Cleary is attempting to blacken the records of the defendants by filing new "evidence" to prove that Rogers and Buyle, two of the trained workers, are guilty of stealing dynamite from the Daniels Quarry in Marin County.

The District Attorney at San

Rafael declares he is willing to drop the case against Tennant and Farrell, two others arrested in connection with the alleged dynamite, but that he will push the case against Buyle and Rogers.

The Standard Oil, obviously is attempting to drive home the open frame-up and is leaving no stone unturned in its campaign. The Modesto Defense Committee has called for a further strengthening of the boycott against all Standard Oil products, declared unfair many months ago. Plans are also under way to raise money for the appeal.

### \* Protest.

A protest was sent to the Central Labor Council for the action of certain union bureaucrats, including Vandeleur, in attempting to chase the Voice of Federation salesmen out of the Civic Auditorium on Labor Day.

A motion was carried to the effect that the Firemen could not support the affair being given soon by the Marine Engineers at Eagles Hall. It was pointed out that the Sailors' Union had declared the hall unfair following the action of the owners in refusing to allow an anti-fascist Santa Rosa protest meeting, to be held there. The Firemen refused their support to the M.E.B.A. on the same grounds.

A delegate was elected to the United Labor Ticket to replace a former one, who had shipped out, and a letter was ordered mailed to all International Seamen's Union districts asking support for the Modesto Defense. It was reported the Central Labor Council here also had acted favorably on a similar request.

## The Sacramento C. S. Case

To be published soon: A complete pamphlet on the notorious Criminal Syndicalism frame-up.

# Help Hurt Hearst!

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—The Waiters' Union, Local No. 30, voted in its last night's meeting to discontinue all Hearst publications which have hitherto appeared in the union's reading room. None of the union members failed to understand that Hearst is a fascist and Labor's Enemy No. 1 in America, but two members opposed the resolution.

One objected that there was no way to get the news if one quit reading these filthy capitalist sheets. The other pointed out that Hearst employs union labor and shouldn't be boycotted.

Mr. Hugo Ernst, the alleged socialist, and an official of the union, said, "It won't hurt Hearst to stop one subscription," and suggested the action was useless. At the same time Mr. Ernst made a bitter anti-Hearst talk.

The Western Worker is informed that Hearst's Call-Bulletin and his Cosmopolitan Magazine are two publications that will be removed from the reading room.

The answer to these three arguments: workers should support their own press, and to heck with Hearst's brand of "news." Secondly, Hearst hires union printers, etc., because he has to; but he is fighting the Newspaper Guild tooth and nail, firing reporters, etc. And as for Mr. Ernst: a fierce campaign against Hearst, attacking at him in every detail, stopping one subscription after another, and driving his filthy influence away from the unions, is a big job made up of many small parts.

Here is the list of Hearst newspapers, magazines and movie concerns which class-conscious workers on the West Coast don't patronize:

— NEWSPAPERS —  
SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER,  
SAN FRANCISCO CALL-BULLETIN,  
LOS ANGELES EXAMINER,  
LOS ANGELES HERALD AND EXPRESS,  
OAKLAND POST-ENQUIRER,  
SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER.

— MOVIES —  
HEARST METROTONE NEWS (newsreel)  
WARNER BROTHERS FILMS,  
COSMOPOLITAN PRODUCTIONS (films).

— MAGAZINES —  
HEARST'S INTERNATIONAL combined with COSMO-POLITAN,  
HARPER'S BAZAAR,  
MOTOR and MOTOR BOATING,  
PICTORIAL REVIEW,  
AMERICAN DRUGGIST

## SEAMEN WANT AGREEMENTS CLARIFIED

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ognized maritime holiday, and the right to hold "stop work" meetings twice each month for a period of four hours, between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

### \* Other Unions.

The Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, the Masters' Mates and Pilots, and the American Radio Telegraphers' Association also are seeking changes in their respective agreements, prior to renewal on September 30. Shipowners likewise have refused to negotiate with these latter unions. Maritime workers emphatically state they do not want a strike. On the contrary, they point out, they are seeking first of all an agreement that will eliminate even the quick strikes on various ships. Employers, on the other hand, are not willing to change an agreement that allows them to chisel indiscriminately and at the same time gives them a basis for setting up a loud howl to the effect "maritime workers are breaking the agreement."

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 5. The date for the walkout of 3,000 longshoremen here has been set for September 16.

The New Orleans Steamship Association recently signed an agreement for a 75 cents an hour scale with twenty members of the Independent Longshoremen's Union, a company outfit. The agreement is supposed to cover all 3,000 workers and run until 1937. The dockers are demanding 95 cents an hour.

Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association, and William Green, president of the A. F. of L., have indicated that the wage dispute may be the first case to be submitted to the National Labor Relations Board set up by the Wagner Act.

Ryan meanwhile, has declared he will call on Huey P. Long to intervene and "show whether or not he is the friend of labor he says he is."

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—The San Francisco News last night announced in headlines inches high the fact that two Dollar Line ships were struck by sailors and "black gangs" here yesterday. The News even went so far as to hint a shipper protest to Washington, D. C., "demanding an end to the walkout."

Although other San Francisco capitalist sheets had carried the same story, with fewer trimmings, in earlier editions, they all gave it additional space in this morning's editions.

This morning, although the walkout on the President Pierce and the President Coolidge was well on the way toward settlement, the News in black scare lines screamed: "2 Dollar Liners Still Idle In Walkout of Union crews."

An examination of sailing lists in the same capitalist sheets revealed that relatives of Roy Howard, owner of the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain which includes the S. F. News, and of Dollar, head of the Dollar Lines, were due to sail for the Orient on the tied-up ships.

## LABOR TICKET CAMPAIGN GETS STARTED IN S. F.

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maritime and general strikes to declare his open sympathy for labor.

The convention plans call for each organization to elect one delegate to each fifty members. The lower floor of the Auditorium will be reserved for delegates, while the public will be admitted to the galleries. Speakers of national prominence will address the convention in support of the Labor Ticket.

### \* Rally Tonight.

The success of the convention and the labor campaign depends on the participation of the largest possible number of trade unions and other organizations. For this reason, it is the duty of every rank and file member of a union that is not yet participating to see that the question of the election of delegates to the convention is brought up on the floor of his organization.

The campaign gets under way with a rally on Sept. 6 at 8 p.m. at 68 Haight street, at which Redfern Mason, Evan Wattle, Tanna Alex and other members of the United Labor Campaign Committee will speak.

bluff of all imperialist powers with its great dangers of world slaughter, and the rising struggle of organized and unorganized masses of workers to unite their forces against war. Anti-war actions increase daily, and this alone is the guarantee of world peace.

We urge you to send in unit experiences for the proposed Party Work column.

**EAST OF THE  
Rockies**

**Nazi Boycott Voted  
High Prices Fought  
Rayon Re-Strike  
Teachers Condemn  
Hearst, Fascism**

NEW YORK—Final results of a straw vote conducted by Heywood Broun, noted columnist, on whether the United States should participate in the Berlin Olympic games next year revealed that there is an overwhelming sentiment against participation. The poll, conducted by station WOR, returned 1302 against and 72 for participation.

NEW YORK—The Dewey investigation into alleged labor racketeering is being used as a cloak behind which organized labor is being fought by the employers. This was charged by the Fur Workers after Dewey had taken over the prosecution of five union organizers arrested at the request of the employers for their union activities. In a letter addressed to Dewey it was pointed out that employers were in a more subtle manner following the same tactics used by vigilantes in Santa Rosa, Calif., with the police framing union men.

Detroit—A new injunction to prevent meat strikers from picketing was granted by Judge Toms after a previous injunction granted by Judge Murphy had been nullified on a technicality. The meat strike, now in its sixth week, finds Detroit women more determined than ever to lower the present exorbitant prices of meat. The women are especially indignant because the filibuster of Huey Long in the Senate prevented the appropriation of money to carry on the investigation of high prices which a delegation had gone to Washington to secure.

CLEVELAND—Less than a month after their strike had been "settled" by Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady, the employees of the Industrial Rayon Corp. have voted to go on strike again. This action was taken when the employers refused to take back 18 strikers, including union officials. The strike vote gives full power to William H. Kasson, general organizer of the United Textile Workers, to set the date of the strike. The previous settlement engineered by McGrady had given the employees only minor gains after an eight-weeks strike.

CLEVELAND—The annual convention of the American Federation of Teachers, which flatly turned down the request of William Green to kick out the New York local because it was allegedly controlled by Communists, turned around and passed a number of resolutions aimed to combat the growth of fascism in America.

Among resolutions passed were one to expose Hearst as an outstanding enemy of progress and freedom, to oppose loyalty oaths from teachers and students, to cooperate with those seeking an effective demonstration against war and fascism, to support Ethiopia, and to urge a boycott of the 1936 Olympic games set for Berlin. The teachers also called upon all locals to continue working for the freedom of Tom Mooney.

KANSAS CITY—De Witt Gilpin, Kansas City relief aide, has been fired for speaking before a meeting of unemployed workers and exposing the repressive measures being instituted by the local relief administration. Gilpin had seniority in his office, had worked there for two and a half years, and had his salary increased three times. Yet after speaking before the American Workers Union, of which he is an active member, he was fired for "inefficiency."

**Slogans on Sales  
Tax Tokens Help  
Build Labor Party**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 5.—The hated sales tax passed by the last legislature is being used by angry consumers to spread propaganda. With a purchase of 10 cents, the buyer hands over a penny and receives back nine "mills" in change, in the form of milk bottle tops. On these the workers print slogans such as the following:

"Reminded of a moron legislature—Form a Labor Party."

"Paid under Protest—Tax the rich, not the poor."

"J. P. Morgan paid no tax—Just us poor suckers."

"The rich get richer—the poor get sales taxes!"



EARL BROWDER

(Continued From Last Issue)

**Is a Difficult Task**

The problem of bringing together into a lasting coalition united front party all the still scattered elements of which it must be composed, is a complicated and difficult task. It will require the utmost patience, perseverance, tactfulness, and loyal devotion of Communists to bring it to a successful consummation. It will require vigilance against Right opportunist interpretations of this line.

In the welding together of such a broad people's movement a tremendously important role can and must be played by the revolutionary traditions of America, revived and applied to the problems of the present crisis. Our Party has been struggling for some years to throw off that sectarian infantile Leftism which negates the national pride and national traditions that live among the broad masses. The Manifesto of our Eighth Convention last year, in which we boldly proclaimed our Party as the heir and continuator of the revolutionary traditions of 1776 and 1861, declared our love for our country which is being despised and ruined by Wall Street monopolists, was our conclusive break with the past sectarianism on this question. It was with deep joy, therefore, that we welcome the words of comrade Dimitroff, who has shown us also in deeds how a true Bolshevik deals with such problems.

The broadening of our conception of the united front party, as the lasting coalition of workers, farmers, and city middle classes, to fight against threatening economic catastrophe, against political reaction and fascism, and against the threatening war, requires that we shall even more energetically pursue the struggle for working class unity. Such a lasting coalition requires for its success a strong and even more united working class as the cementing, leading force. And the central problem of working class unity is that of creating a strong and united trade union movement. I want to state clearly the decisive question in realizing such a united front party is winning the support of the organized workers. Without that basis we cannot build a party with both feet on the ground. It would become a football for everybody to play with.

**Trade Union Unification**

Our most prized achievement of the past period is our success in the struggle for trade union unification. During the years 1925 to 1929, the A. F. of L. bureaucracy had prostituted the trade unions to the role of rationalization auxiliaries to the employers; to carry through this policy they made a war of extermination against the Communists and Left elements, not hesitating at the destruction of mass trade unions, the dispersal of hundreds of thousands of members. Out of this situation arose the independent and revolutionary unions. These new unions, arising after defeated strikes and just at the period of the onset of the economic crisis, and the consequent decline of the strike movement up to 1932, lived a difficult and precarious life. Their history is, however, one with many glorious pages. They made a permanent contribution to the development of the American working class. There were mistakes made in their development. These were especially sectarian mistakes, tending to narrow down the new unions to the advance guards. There was also the most serious neglect of work in the A. F. of L. But the independent unions played an indispensable role. They preserved the fighting spirit of the American working class during dark days when no other instrument was available for this task. They smashed the legend of the impossibility of successful strike struggles during a time of economic crisis, a legend spread by the employers and Trotzkists. They organized and

**Speech of Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A., Before the Seventh World Congress of The Communist International, Recently Held in Moscow, U.S.S.R.—Full Text of Report**

led the chief struggles that marked the turn of the tide and drew the whole trade union movement into its stream. To them belongs much of the credit for the strong re-emergence of the whole trade union movement in 1933. The contributions of the independent and revolutionary unions to the protection of working class conditions, and to the preservation of trade unionism, are written imperishably in our history.

With the streaming of new hundreds of thousands of workers into the A. F. of L., however, with the organization of hitherto unorganized basic industries and the rise of the strike wave and fighting spirit generally, the conditions had been created for the reunification of the trade unions in most industries and as a general rule. We must say that we did not at once understand the full significance of these changes, or immediately draw the full lessons. We had to learn from the masses. But we learned, having also the advice and assistance of the E.C.C.I. We began already in 1933, in some industries and localities, to take advantage of these conditions to merge the divided trade union forces. During the last half of 1934, we had already developed this into a general movement for unification of all industries, so that it became possible to dissolve the independent general trade union center; a Unification Committee continues to centralize the efforts of the still existing independent unions to unite with the A. F. of L. The urge for unity among the masses made it possible to overcome the resistance of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy to this unification, forced the admission of Communists and revolutionary workers in spite of the declared policy of the bureaucracy to expel all Communists. The artificial barriers of separate trade unions dividing the workers in the same field in fratricidal struggle has been largely broken down and eliminated.

**Upsurge in Labor Movement.**

The possibility of this unification movement arose out of the powerful upsurge in the labor movement, the big changes in the composition of the A. F. of L. membership, and their situation, under the blows of the crisis. A flood of new members, including masses of semi-skilled and unskilled from the basic industries, helped to overcome the traditions and habits based upon the old aristocracy of labor, strengthened by the militancy of the unions. At the same time, the labor aristocracy was itself hard hit by the crisis; this is especially true in the building trades, from 60 to 80 per cent unemployed for years now; while the technological advance, the development of continuous-production processes, the belt system, etc., has undermined the position of the semi-skilled workers throughout industry. One of the results is the growing radicalization of native-born workers, whose hitherto privileged position was historically a tremendous barrier to the political independence of the labor movement—a fact noted by Engels many years ago. The result is, that even a large number of lower and middle trade union officials, formerly the backbone of the bureaucratic machine, are beginning to reflect the radicalization of these strata, to turn toward the semi-skilled and unskilled masses, to demand complete unionization of their industries, industrial unionism, unity and solidarity in struggle. We have experienced the transformation of such lower and middle officials, in the course of a few months, from the position of expelling Communists to the position of open allies with us in serious conflict with the upper bureaucracy and employers. Comrade Florin gave interesting examples of a similar change taking place in Germany under the blows of fascism. This change has necessitated a fundamental change in attitude and approach toward such a strata; where but a few years ago it would have been opportunist nonsense to look in this direction for allies, it has now become a most practical and key question of revolutionary policy. Our experience shows that such workers are key men, decisive in factories and trade unions, in organizing and leading mass struggles.

**Role of Communists in Unions.**

A natural result of this successful reorientation in the trade unions has been that the Communists are coming forward, not only as the foremost champions of unity, but also the most energetic and practical organizers of the unorganized in the A. F. of L. unions. Only where our

land Tribune and other capitalist papers the well-disciplined picket line was not broken up by police. The statement of Police Chief B. A. Wallman that there was some "mystery" about the mobilization is absolutely false, as a general call is being issued for support by all unions.

This struggle is a lock-out and not a strike. Upon returning from a union meeting the men were met at the door of the plant by armed guards and told they were no longer working there. The only demand so far advanced by the workers is that all men be returned to work.

A soup kitchen for the pickets has been established at 5019 East 14th Street.

Union members: Raise the question of having your delegates to the Central Labor Council support recognition of unemployed organizations.

Contrary to reports in the Oak-

forces have appeared as the initiators of unionization we have reaped the full fruits of deep-going unshakable foundation of our mass influence under all attacks. In this there are direct lessons for our trade union workers of all lands.

We think the resolution should be strengthened in the trade union section to state it is the duty of Communists to defend the mass trade unions against all capitalist and fascist attacks, and to build them, even though they are under the influence of the reformists. This would strengthen our positive work, and wipe out the sectarian distortions that have crept into our work in the past years.

It is because our Party has been able to make advances in rooting itself thus among the basic trade union masses, that we have been able to extend and widen our united front among the youth, among the farmers, among the city middle classes. It is this that enables us to talk seriously, small as our Party still is, about being one of the decisive factors in the gathering together of a broad anti-fascist people's front which can check in advance the advance of fascism in the United States, which can preserve the democratic rights of the masses now under such severe attack, which can effect some amelioration in the catastrophic economic situation of the masses, and which can provide the opportunity which the million masses require in order, through their own experience, to learn the further path they must travel before they can find the final solution of their problems.

**Must Isolate Old Guard**

Now what are the special problems in relation to the Socialist Party and the proposed united front mass party? I have already indicated the task to win over those sections of the Socialists which are moving to the Left. That means to isolate and defeat the Old Guard leaders, who are consciously and stubbornly counter-revolutionary and who collaborate with open fascists like Hearst.

The World War and the October Revolution, which brought to a split the international Socialist movement, interrupted in the United States the process of emergence of the Socialist Party as the mass party of the working class at a much earlier stage than in Europe. The ruthless expulsion from the S. P. by its right-wing leaders of the large majority of its members who had taken the path to the Communist International, shattered the Socialist Party, but at the same time brought the Communist Party into existence in an immature condition, split into two Communist Parties at birth, without trained organizational cadres, and afflicted by the infantile diseases. This condition was accentuated by the governmental repressions and illegalization of the Communists. The connection with the main mass of the American workers was broken for both Parties. The Communist Party is only now beginning to reconquer on a higher stage, some of the positions in process of being won for Socialism when interrupted by the war and the split in the Socialist movement. The Socialist Party leaders, until recently undeniably Right-wing in orientation, maintained a precarious position only by sacrificing even their reformist Socialist program to an alliance with the openly pro-capitalist A. F. of L. bureaucracy. This accounts for the unparalleled weakness of the American Socialist Party as an independent political factor.

There can be no doubt that the split in the Socialist movement, the long struggle between the Socialist and Communist Parties, served to repel large masses of the workers who, not understanding the issues involved, turned their backs on both parties and upon Socialism in general. This in turn weakened the power of Socialism to attract the non-proletarian strata itself and gather the allies of the revolution. The Right-wing leaders have utilized this fact to instill among the Socialist workers a prejudice against the Communists as splitters and disrupters who ruined the American Socialist movement, quietly ignoring their own role as the violators of party democracy who expelled the majority of the membership who had decided to go to the Third International. This was done by the same old Guard—the Cabans, Lees and O'Neals—who today again threaten a split against the majority which adopted the Detroit Declaration. On our part, we Communists never sufficiently made known to the broad masses of Socialist workers the true history and character of the split. The struggle for united

front with the Socialist Party and its followers, therefore, must surmount and overcome these long-confirmed prejudices. This cannot be done merely by reciting facts and lessons from history.

**Unity a Step to Labor Party**

This means that we must raise and discuss with the Socialist workers the problem of organic unity in one party of all adherents of Socialism, the conditions for such unity, and how it can be achieved. We must put forward the proposed united front party, the Farmer Labor Party, a possible long step forward toward such unity, provided the Socialists and Communists find a common platform for joint participation in creating and building such a united front mass party. We must put forward the slogan of united action between all adherents of Socialism, despite all disagreements as to how Socialism can be achieved, in the struggle for the immediate interests of the toiling masses, in the defense of democratic rights and to defeat the advance of fascism; we must put this slogan in sharp opposition to that of the Old Guard leaders, which calls for a united front with the open supporters of capitalism, the A. F. of L. top bureaucracy, with Woll, Lewis, Green, and even Hearst against the Communists. On this question, the experiences of our French comrades are of inestimable value to us. We must and will win the support of the S. P. members and followers for united action, for the united front mass party; in this task, the perspective of the ultimate organic unity of all adherents of Socialism in a single proletarian party will be of great help, while at the same time it will stimulate the political thoughts and revolutionizing tendencies in the S. P. ranks.

For this purpose, it is necessary to make more intimate contacts with active Socialists, to be more discriminating between individuals and tendencies, and not to lump them all into one basket under one label. We must win their confidence by actually being of assistance to them in solving their complicated and difficult problems. It is not easy to fight for the united front in the S. P. Quite the opposite of the Communist Party, where an opponent of the united front could not long be active, in the Socialist Party it is the supporters of the united front who are being kicked out. And yet, the S. P. cannot make a single step to rehabilitate itself among the masses so long as it refuses the path of the united front. This was strikingly proved, only in the past weeks, in the inglorious collapse of the majority of the National Executive Committee which had championed the Leftward-moving Declaration of Principles with support from a majority of the membership, its abject surrender under the assault of the minority Old Guard—and a debacle flowing directly out of the refusal of these self-styled militants to take a single decisive step toward realizing the united front.

We must make it clear to the S. P. members that, without abandoning for an instant our principled position on the question of the road to power and the building of Socialism, that we are not demanding of them their agreement with proletarian dictatorship, Soviet Power, and armed insurrection as a condition for the united front, for united action, for the present defense of democratic liberties and immediate economic interests. We are proposing a coalition of all anti-fascist forces, to prevent them coming to power of the most reactionary, most predatory, section of monopoly capital, to prevent America from being engulfed in the world-wide wave of fascist reaction, to preserve the American toilers from a repetition of the bestial horrors suffered by the German masses under Hitler. We propose a joint struggle in which the workers will become conscious of themselves as a class, know their class interests and historical mission, and unite solidly under their leadership all other strata of the suffering, toiling population, and thus prepare to lead America forward to the new society, to Socialism.

This is a program of struggle. It will not be carried out by the issuance of a manifesto, nor through spontaneous or automatic development. It will require all the abilities, resources, determination, and energies of our Party. With the masses of the American workers and toilers, through the creative energies of these masses, this program can be realized in life. The Communist Party of the U.S.A. will carry on this fight to realize in the shortest possible time such a concentration of forces of the anti-fascist front that will guarantee against the victory of fascism in America. And that will at the same time be the best preparation for the proletarian revolution, the Socialist revolution.

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**Cotton Pickers to Call General Strike**

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 5.—A general strike of all day labor cotton pickers in Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma has been called by the Southern Tenant Farmers Union. The strikers demand \$1 per 100 pounds of cotton picked, against average wages of 50 to 60 cents per hundred. This union has been the subject of repeated assaults by landlords and police.

Protests against the vigilante terror in Sonoma County were sent to Gov. Merriam, Atty. Gen. Webb, and Dist. Atty. Cowan of Santa Rosa, demanding immediate arrest and prosecution of the vigilantes. The Unemployed Workers Protective Union, in sending these protests, stands solidly shoulder to shoulder with other progressive working class organizations of San Diego, the Federated Trades and the Interprofessional Association.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

**FOREIGN NEWS**

**Briefs**

**New School Season  
Goebbels Spanked  
Social Credit Vote  
Iran-Soviet Treaty**

CANADA—The recent election in Alberta, which swept the Social Credit advocates into office, saw the Communist Party increasing its vote tremendously. The blind revolt against capitalism demonstrated in the election left the other Liberal and Conservative parties way behind. Many Social Credit voters indicated that the Communist Party was their second choice. It is expected that a failure of the Social Credit promises to give every one an outright \$25 a month will swing the voters to the Communist Party.

Already William Aberhart, Social Credit Premier of Alberta, has publicly stated that he will not pay the promised dividend if there is any danger of bankruptcy, and in any case 18 months must pass before it can be put into practice.

IRAN.—This country, formerly called Persia, has just completed a trade agreement with the Soviet Union which is expected to materially benefit. The treaty provides for the sale to Iran by the Soviets of fabrics, metals, sugar, matches, cement, as well as machinery and industrial equipment. Orders for construction and equipment of several industrial enterprises were delivered to the Soviet trade bureau.

The new trade agreement testifies to the increasing industrial growth of the Soviet Union. A few years ago it exported food products and imported industrial equipment; today its main exports particularly to adjacent countries in the Near East, are machinery and equipment for new factories, which are built under the supervision of Soviet engineers.

SOVIET UNION—In contrast to the United States where the number of students and educational appropriations is sinking, the Soviet Union starts the new school year with a budget increase of 20.5 per cent. Registration of students, which has already been completed, shows a gain of 1,410,000 students to a total of 17,300,000 in the Russian Soviet Federated Republic (with about two-thirds of the Soviet Union's population) alone.

For the new school year 72 buildings, to accommodate 63,000 students are being completed in Moscow. Besides the 50,000,000 text books already printed, a special decree has ordered the printing of another 50,000,000 text books, to supply the students adequately.

GERMANY—The crippling effect on German foreign trade of the anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic drive undertaken by the Nazis has forced Dr. Schacht, Minister of Economics, to attack Propaganda Minister Goebbels. Goebbels had a Reichsbank official sent to a concentration camp for three months for the crime of evicting a certain Reicker for non-payment of rent. Schacht has demanded that Goebbels' organ Der Angriff publicly apologize for this incident.

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## Jobless Jottings

By the Boondoggler (L. A.)

Millions of workers in private industry are working at starvation wages. Roosevelt at the prompting of the "M. and M.", and the National "C. of C." planned the W.P.A. on a wage scale lower than private industry—a subsistence basis.

Relief officials in California now admit at least 80,000 family heads will be left out of W.P.A. It is planned to put them to work "on jobs supplementing regular projects" at "sub-subsistence wages."

All those not eligible for "supplementary W.P.A. A. jobs will be furnished relief from some source as yet unknown at a "sub-subsistence scale."

Roosevelt hasn't forgotten the "forgotten man" after all. He has remembered him . . . with a new form of starvation . . . prefixed starvation.

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The moldy cheese and withered carrot locator, officially known as county purchasing agent H. E. Russell, received treatment last evening in a Pasadena hospital, for a fractured arm. Said to have been received in an automobile accident.

A fractured arm is a minor injury compared to the fractured stomachs of the aged people on County relief who are forced to eat the starchy sub-standard food, purchased by Russell and supplied to them in "food packages."

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Results of inadequate depression diets are being felt on a national scale. The census bureau, no longer able to deny the truth, reports that during the year 1934 a total of 1,339,903 persons died in the U. S. A. The largest figure ever reported in the census bureau and a death rate of 11049 per hundred thousand of the population.

Reports for the first six months of this year showed a still larger increase.

The World Committee for Relief says that 2,400,000 human beings died of starvation and 1,200,000 killed themselves because of economic distress in 1934 . . .

During the same year 1,000,000 car loads of grain, 250,000 car loads of coffee, 560,000 hundred weight of sugar, 50,000 hundred weight of rice, and 50,000 hundred weight of meat were destroyed . . . to keep up the market price.

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Steve, unemployed and without money, arrived in Los Angeles, via a freight car from Frisco. He was met by a welcoming committee of police and sentenced by an understanding judge to three days in the Heights jail.

Hundreds of Steve are rounded up every week by police and are jailed for the crime of being unemployed, homeless and hungry.

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A certain husky, uniformed radio policeman whose balaclava failed to catch, unable to restrain his sadistic impulses until his prisoner was enclosed by obtrusive jail walls, was observed at 3 a. m. Sunday morning inadvisably assaulting a slight, hatless, brown-skinned unresisting prisoner in front of the Central Police Station . . .

Just a sample of this "Make'em run and shoot'em dead" stuff advocated by Chief James F. "Ley de fusa" Davis . . .

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Ynez Rodriguez, three-year-old baby girl, wandered away from her mother's side, as the family worked in the beet fields near El Monte . . .

Ynez Rodriguez found her daughter living in a field road, beet stalks . . . having enshaded her to death . . .

Pedro Padeilla, a worker of 12 days, having no money for a funeral, dug a grave and buried his fourth dead son. Today a son, too, unable to find money to furnish a burial, has money to arrest the father, and exume the dead infant for an inquest.

This same society that accuses Pedro Padeilla of murdering his month-old son . . . unburied little Ynez Rodriguez, baby daughter of Mrs. Antonia Rodriguez . . .

**British Trade Unions Get Plea for Unity**

MARGATE, England, Sept. 5.

The sixty-seventh congress of the British Trade Unions, now opening here, received an appeal from A. Schvernik, Secretary of the Soviet Trade Unions, for a united front of all working class forces to resist the advance of fascism and war.

Prominent on the agenda was the notorious "Black Circular" issued by the top leadership of the trade unions, calling for the expulsion of Communists from unions. This circular was either rejected or completely ignored by more than 80 per cent of the unions involved.

## News Stories and Comment by Worker Correspondents

### Frightfulness in A County Hospital

MOTHER DESCRIBES WARD FOR MATERNITY CASES

Diet Unbelievable

QUARANTINE HELPS HIDE TERRIBLE CONDITIONS

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—I am writing this in hopes that mothers who are going to bear children will read it and be saved a lot of misery. I went to the new General Hospital here to have my little girl. The conditions that exist there are almost unbelievable.

The rooms are supposed to hold only six patients but eight or more are crowded into them. At night there is only one nurse to care for 50 women. The nurses' pay has been cut from 75 cents an hour to 50 cents and they are so overworked they cannot wait on the patients as they should. I was there during the hot weather in August. When you asked for water they'd tell you to wait, they were busy. No matter what you asked for, they would say they were busy and short of time.

\* From Charity Boxes

The food was terrible. County oats and cream of wheat were served with hardly any sugar, the coffee was always cold. They served the county corned beef and beans. And there wasn't enough. When I asked for more milk the nurse told me to drink water—it was just as good! (Note: by "county oats" and beans, she means the charity stuff that is doled to the unemployed—Ed.)

Some of the student doctors there are so stupid that it's criminal.

I saw a young woman of 25 who was there for her first baby. They claimed she had high blood pressure, so they were going to make her have the baby ahead of time. They gave her doses of castor oil and shots in the arm. She was in pain four days. The last day she couldn't stand it any longer. The doctors looked at her and said, "You aren't in labor. Those are castor oil pains." They said her baby wouldn't be born for a month, yet.

\* Overworked Nurses

She screamed so much they moved her to another part of the hospital. Her baby was born that night. It was an eight months baby, and weighed just 3 pounds.

The nurse talked dreadful to her; told her to shut up, she was screaming for nothing.

Another woman was already to go home with her baby but she had a temperature and they wouldn't release her. That night the nurse had her going around filling water jars for us. They wanted to see if that would bring her fever down. She should have drawn into the movement.

The last article dealt with meetings of a general and public kind. It showed where your story must be, not of the meeting itself, but of the principle statement, action, incident or resolution of that meeting.

\* The Union or Labor Council Meeting

Such meetings follow a parliamentary order of business. Not a program like general meetings.

Motions are made, debated, voted, or killed. They present a maze of business and details that sometimes dismay the correspondent who tries to report them.

Labor Council meetings it is best to report very much in the form of minutes. All events that take place here are of vital concern to the working class and they deserve a complete, thorough report. If any single motion, dispute or action transpires of special note, include it in the regular Labor Council report, but in addition to this, make a separate story of it to be printed as a news item.

In such a case, simply state:

JONESVILLE, Sept. 1—At the regular meeting of the Central Labor Council here last night, such and such a motion was advanced by so and so and defeated by a strong rank and file vote.

—, who used such and such tactics—, was tabled after a heated dispute between rank and file and reactionary delegates—or whatever the case might be.

Here you are only writing up a single, isolated occurrence of the council meeting, but one that requires special prominence.

UNION MEETINGS, should be reported something in the manner of general meetings, but in more detail so as to include important information for members of that union who did not attend.

Here you must select the most vital action of that meeting and start your story out as if you were telling the story of that action, rather than the meeting. Then tail in with the other act-

### NO DELEGATES FROM CLEANERS IF FAKER WINS

FISHER, RETAIL LOCAL THINKS PICNIC MORE IMPORTANT

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—At a regular meeting of the Retail Cleaners and Dyers Union, Local No. 18182, a motion was made to elect the full quota of delegates to the convention of the California State Federation of Labor. There was opposition to this because of the expense.

This motion was withdrawn and another made that the delegates volunteer and pay their own expenses. At this point president Maurice Fisher turned the gavel over to the next in office and opposed this from the floor with a long harangue.

Fisher said the state convention was not important, as it did not concern the Retail Cleaners and Dyers Union, and that the union's picnic was more important. (C) He also said that volunteers to the convention from other unions would not be seated because the officials felt they were left-wingers, "boring from within." So Fisher dragged the red herring across the trail.

\* Fisher Surprised

Moscowian, a rank and file member, pointed out that all honest and militant labor men were considered left-wingers, and this was not a political forum where one's political beliefs could be aired.

The motion was put to a vote, by acclamation, and Fisher was surprised to hear only 3 or 4 "no's." After argument and a chosen.

### U. C. Student On Blacklist

By a Student.

BERKELEY.—The University of California is putting on the spot anyone connected with the militant labor movement. A graduate student in Economics was called on the carpet by President Sproul for being a "labor agitator," organizing agricultural workers. So far this student has been refused admittance to the University on those grounds. Of course, he will be kept out for "technical" reasons, should he be unable to enroll.

It is definitely known that other students have been put on the black list. Although they have been allowed to enroll this term, professors have been warned that they are "undesirable" students because of their labor movement activities.

\* point of order" a standing vote was taken, and the count showed more than 2 to 1 in favor of sending volunteer delegates.

At the call for volunteers, 3 stood up; Moscovian, Feterman and an unknown who was drunk and standing all the time. Then Ramsey, the member who made the motion in the first place, moved that the volunteers be rejected. When asked why, he said because "now we know who the left-wingers are."

\* A Weak Adjournment

Feterman retorted that it was not a crime to be a left-winger, but it certainly was criminal to be a reactionary. Moscovian suggested that those opposing the volunteers should themselves volunteer and let the rank and file vote on who should represent them.

This whole thing was out of order, as Feterman pointed out, but Fisher deliberately misused his office to mislead the rank and file and defeat their policies.

He adjourned the meeting before delegates could be definitely chosen.

### SHOTGUNS VS. NEW DARK AGES

FISHERMEN GET \$8 AFTER FAKE TALK IS DONE

MONTEREY ASSOCIATION NEEDS NEW MANAGER

By a Fisherman.

ROSEWELL, N. Mex.—We are glad to see you are keeping the thugs back with a shot gun. Don't let them break up our paper again. We are just entering the dark ages again, it seems, when Hearst can hire all the thugs to do such things. We are facing the same thing here.

It's a terrible condition the Gal- lups boys have been in. We had a siege of it here when they depri- vated 100 little bourgeois business men to break us up; but we are too strong for them now, and at Clovis and Portales it's the same way. The workers have checked it for the time being—at least on the east side of the state. But we are not wasting any time—we know the workers have got to get together and stand for their rights, and the worst is yet to come.

Now at a time of the year when crops should take out many of the workers, there is still hundreds without food and desperate. Comrade Smith was just telling of an old neighbor near him that was out of anything to eat. He was told he would have to sign the paupers' oath to get anything at all, which he declared he would not do. He asked Smith to go along with him. At the relief station they just rared back and said they would do nothing without signing up all the red tape first. But this man was so desperate they finally gave him a little order, evidently just to avoid a real battle.

And what will it be this winter no one knows. Our organization crew spoke at Tinnie, San Patricio, Ruidoso, Ft. Stanton and Capitan this week and will continue into new territory right along. The International Labor Defense has furnished us with literature and the farmers are feeding them as they go. No money but plenty of courage.

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### GRAPE PICKERS REFUSE LOW PAY

Starvation Rate Set By Fresno C. of C. Cut By Ranchers

By a Worker Correspondent.

FRESNO, Calif.—The Chamber of Commerce's "Growers' Association" has arrogantly set a scale of 1½ cents per tray for picking raisin grapes. Thus they have set the same scale as last year, in spite of this being an all-time low and in spite of the increased cost of living.

Now, at the opening of the picking season, some ranchers are offering 1¼ cents per tray. This morning, Aug. 31, at the Slave Market at F and Tulare streets, though many are on the verge of starvation, a rancher could get no one to go into the fields for 1¼ cents.

\* Strike Sentiment Strong.

Mexican, Negro, Filipino and American workers are resentful against the 1¼ cent rate, and with leadership would strike for 2 cents or 2½ cents.

The grape crop is over two weeks late this year, so most of the workers are flat broke. Some have been trying to hang on by gathering figs (off the ground). But the very best pickers are lucky to make \$1.50 for a 9 to 10-hour day, and the average is well below \$1 a day.

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\* Experienced Workers.

Nearly all the workers in the Fresno district have been in one or more of the big agricultural strikes of the last three years, and most of them know and love such leaders as Pat Chambers. But I am struck by the fact that very few have even heard of the Sacramento trial!

It looks as though we have failed our comrades in rousing these workers who would fight hardest to free them from San Quentin and Tehachapi.

### ALAMEDA CTY. UNIONS BACK LABOR PARTY

ONE-FIFTH TRADE UNIONS IN COUNTY JOIN FIRST CONFERENCE HELD

OAKLAND, Sept. 5.—Encouraged by the success of the first Alameda County Labor Party Conference held here last Sunday, plans are going forward to draw in additional organizations for the second Labor Party Conference, to be held Dec. 1.

A continuations committee of 30 to 40 members was elected at the first Conference, to make the necessary preparations. In the first conference about one-fifth of the unions in Alameda county participated. With a little more work, the majority of unions can quite easily be drawn into the movement to build a real party representing the interests of labor.

In addition to the original ten unions which sent out the call for the conference, the following unions participated: Brotherhood of Railroad Machinists 1117, R. R. Sheetmetal-Workers 217, Union of Professional Workers of the East Bay, Plasterers and Cement Finishers 112, Brotherhood of Railways Carmen of America 140, International Ass'n. of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers 472, and the Dried Fruit and Nut Packers 2020.

The Conference went on record favoring 100 per cent unionization of workers in Alameda County, against all anti-labor ordinances, and laws, against company unions, in support of unions' strikes, for adequate unemployment insurance and old-age pensions, for union wages on public works projects, for the Lundein social insurance bill, against imperial war, against vigilantes and William Randolph Hearst.

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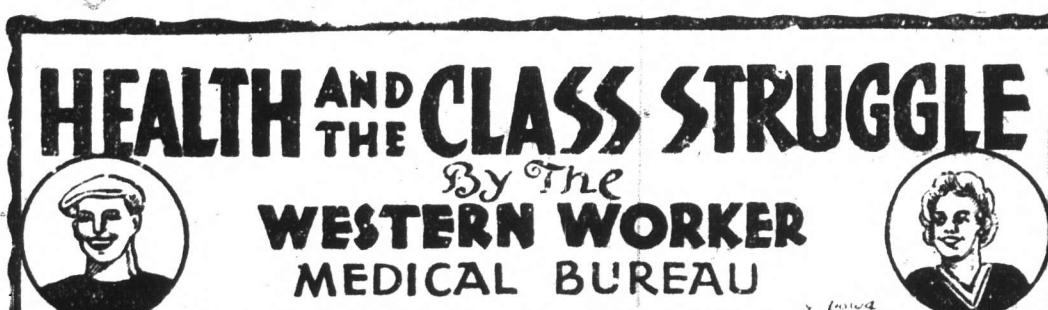
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# Conditions Before the 1934 West Coast Maritime Strike

**EAST BAY GIRL WRITES PRIZE CONTEST NOVEL**  
CLARA WEATHERWAX DOES PROLETARIAN THEME



By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.  
MENTAL STRAIN UNDER CAPITALISM

Some time ago we wrote an article showing the relation between the "depression" and mental disease. We were pleased to find a little pamphlet the other day which agrees with us in full and brings forth much evidence to prove it. This pamphlet was put out by a highly conservative, capitalistic drug firm to prove how useful its drugs are.

Let us take a few examples from the pamphlet. The effects of capitalist insecurity on the family are clearly shown. The lack of bare necessities for the children and anxiety about their future goads the wife on to cast the blame on her husband and to nag him about it. In this situation he either gets a fixed idea of inferiority or becomes nasty and nagging himself. Sometimes he tries to escape by deserting.

As to the children, Miss Grace Marcusen, a social worker, says that "the psychological danger (of the depression) is even more important than the physical hazards besetting the children. It is a serious thing emotionally to see their parents fall from their pedestals (?). They react to it in various unhappy ways. One child becomes frightened and withdrawn; another flees from home in distress, spending his hours in recklessness and delinquent behavior. Others are seized by panic and hysteria."

Dr. D. A. Thom, writing in the magazine, "Mental Hygiene," said: "There are eight million children living in homes where independence and security no longer exist." (This is an extremely conservative figure.)

Thom tells about the case of a little girl who developed a marked facial tic (a constant twitching of the muscles of the face). It was found that it was caused by worry on the part of the little girl. She was crying herself to sleep every night because her father could not find a job, and she was constantly asking what they would do when the money was all gone. (To be continued in next issue.)

## ELISTERS ON HANDS

Pasadena, Calif., Dear Doctor: I have small blisters all over my hands. They first appeared on

## DEAFNESS AND DOCTORS

J. C. writes from Keene, Calif., that his sister is going deaf because she cannot afford a doctor's care. Our suggestion is that if no public clinic exists in that county, that J. C. get together a committee of his and his sister's friends and visit the County Board of Supervisors. Demand that they pay for medical service for the sister with the nearest ear specialist.

If this is refused the first time, return with a larger committee. If necessary make a demonstration out of the affair and make it into an issue to get decent medical service for all in the county who can't afford to pay for it.

## JEWETT FRAME-UP ATTACKED BY BAY TEACHERS UNION

### Superior Court Issues Mandate Directing Eureka Board of Education Explain

EUREKA, Calif., Sept. 15.—The framed-up character of the "unprofessional conduct" charge against Victor R. Jewett, Eureka, Calif., Junior High School teacher, is being openly revealed. Although no one could be secured to sign the charges on July 1, the Board of Education nevertheless unanimously voted to dismiss Jewett and stopped his pay. Six weeks later, the Board rescinded this action on the grounds of its illegality. Yet the salary remains unpaid.

• More Moscow Gold.

Not one of the charges dated August 14 is based on the direct knowledge of the man who signed them, the American Legion rather of a former pupil of Jewett. Each charge is made of "intoxication and belief"; that is, on hearsay only. They include alleged criticism of the government of the U.S. and extolling that of the Soviet Union; criticizing great Americans; being paid Russian money for spreading "revolutionary propaganda" in Eureka schools; and participating in the lumber strike through being with picket and making "inflammatory" talk to the Union.

When the ILGWU members marched past the Los Angeles Times, a large section struck up the "Internationale," adding confusion to the Mayor and Chief Davis who were riding in automobiles just ahead of the militant singers.

The large delegation of approximately 1000 from the San Pedro waterfront unions was placed at the end of the long parade. Although they shouted no slogans, the longshoremen and seamen did present a rugged militant appearance. Along the line of march, the longshoremen responded with smiles and arm waves to the slogan shouted by the spectators: "Fight for Harry Bridges!"

Refused a place in the parade by the Central Labor Council, which on motion by Secretary J. W. Buzzell even refused to read their communications or hear their spokesmen, the organized unemployed in the Public Works and Unemployed Union did not march as a separate organization.

However, many unemployed carpenters and painters marched with the District Councils of the Painters and Carpenters, upon informal invitation of these bodies.

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## Fakers Sold Out Seamen in 1921

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of three articles dealing with conditions of the seamen on the Pacific Coast, past, present and future. The article is written for the Western Worker by a rank and file member of the International Seamen's Union.

By Davy Jones.

In the thirteen year period preceding the 1934 strike, the seamen on the Pacific Coast lived and worked under the most intolerable conditions they ever had experienced.

In the late nineties the seamen revolted against conditions which made them the property of the shipowners, crimps and saloonkeepers, and of anyone else who could rob them of the few hard-earned dollars they had been able to make.

From the description, this could be ringworm, impetigo, eczema, syphilis, or an occupational disease. Impetigo always shows blisters and crusts; there is always severe itching with eczema; a man generally knows if he has had syphilis; occupational disease accompany working in some medical surroundings. If there are none of these conditions the blisters are from ringworm. This is treated by opening the blister with a sterile needle and applying iodine.

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• Wage Cuts in '21.

By 1921 the period of readjustment following the war was nearly at an end. There no longer was such a need on the shipowners' part to keep the seamen satisfied so they started to cut down in various ways in pay, living conditions and so on. Their intentions were gradually to take away, bit by bit, in such a way as to make it least noticeable, everything the seamen ever had won.

By this time there had crept into the official positions of the unions various men who had seen no opportunity, during the boom years, to make easy and well-paid jobs for themselves. When things came to such a point that a strike was called in 1921, these same officials, not being interested in the welfare of the rank and file of the unions but only in their own pockets, offered to take as a settlement of the strike, a cut in pay for the seamen. This was done by them to please the shipowners and above all to halt the strike.

But the rank and file refused to take this cut and the union officials along with the shipowners used the same tactics to split the solidarity of the strike as were attempted in 1934. The now familiar cry of "Reds" was raised and the militancy of the rank and file seamen was attacked. As a result, the situation developed into a lockout.

• Mass Expulsions.

Expansion of the militant rank and files from the unions, by the hundreds, by the phone officials, with other members dropping out in disgust at such "leadership," resulted in a drop in union membership from several thousands to but a few hundreds.

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Gallup frame-ups arouse workers to action

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 30.—A new political party, uniting the National Miners Union of New Mexico, the Communist Party, Socialists, International Labor Defense auxiliary and the Liga Obrera, was launched in Santa Fe today.

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shipowners asked no questions and expected no answers. The wages were cut to minimum and all the rights the seamen had won and enjoyed during the past few years were taken away. Now they were nothing more than slaves again.

This resulted in a strike in 1923, led by the Industrial Workers of the World, which was defeated by the combined efforts of the shipowners and the top bureaucracy of the American Federation of Labor. Strikers were shot and killed in every port on the coast. Their homes were burned and they were finally driven out. With this last attempt on the part of the seamen to regain what had been lost in 1921, the shipowners finally had full sway.

• The Fink Hall.

The "Ship Service Bureau" (fink hall) came into existence and crimps and other petty racketeers came into their own once more, to exploit the seamen as they had before the turn of the century.

During these years conditions gradually became worse, the food was cut lower; in most cases blue linen as heavy as denim was substituted for white linen and in some cases, no linen of any kind was furnished; only a filthy blanket and a straw mattress were provided.

In the years of the crisis wages were cut further until the average wage for seamen on the Pacific Coast was about \$45 per month and in some instances was as low as \$32.50. In order to hold men at all during these years some companies paid a bonus to men who stayed a year or more on the job. Sometimes the longer a man stayed on the job, the more bonus he was given. This created the impression, among many, that the seamen were getting something for nothing and as a result a lot of "good" company men were created.

But even the bonus was gradually cut, however. Under this system the seamen were so in the control of the shipowners that it was seldom anyone kicked about the conditions. There were plenty of men on the beach who would take the jobs. The men on the ships were forced to do everything and anything they were asked, in order to keep from being fired.

• Hundreds Jobless.

The men almost were afraid to go ashore for fear they might be doing something that wasn't liked and risk chance of getting fired.

Under such conditions there were always hundreds of men on the beach and seamen used to sit around the fink hall for eight or ten months—even a year—and then couldn't get jobs. Some of them could never get a job because at some time or other they had complained and had been blackballed.

It is little wonder then that the seamen became desperate so that when the longshoremen went on strike in May, 1934, the seamen left the ships almost 100 per cent, even though they mostly were unorganized. They left the ships, too, in spite of the fact that they had received orders from the reactionary officials of the Seamen's Union to stay on the ships.

Most of the men who were organized belonged to the Marine Workers Industrial Union and they took the initiative in pulling the seamen out on strike and in organizing strike committees, relief committees, etc. And they finally forced the officials of the Seamen's Union to declare a strike on May 19, 1934.

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RECOMMENDED ENTERTAINMENT - SCREEN AND STAGE  
SAN FRANCISCO—At the Clay-International, starting Saturday, the Soviet film "Thunderstorm".

TWISTING IN A COFFIN

... "ACCENT ON YOUTH" — M.G.M. film at the Paramount, S. F., with Herbert Marshall and Silvia Sidney.

To be able to write something about contemporary people without touching upon contemporary life may seem too trivial an occupation for grown men and women. Nevertheless, this is the sort of thing most writers are doing, and this is the sort of movie we have to see, else stay away.

In the case of "ACCENT ON YOUTH," made from the play by Samson Raphaelson, this twisting and turning of the writer in his own coffin, is more deftly done than usual. Raphaelson is young, and the mystic themes of personal conflict acquire in his sensitive hands a faint aroma of originality. But this only serves to remind us of the essential utter triviality of his people and their ursome love affairs. After all, we can't live on love forever.

It is quite true that the conflicts of individuals in love can seem to have real importance. But this importance derives from a view of the reality of their lives. This reality is hardly to be found in the "romance" of the Hollywood fairy tale.

A pity it is that a talent like Raphaelson's should be wasted in brightening up the weary face of the Hollywood harridan. And that excellent acting be unable to find more worthy vehicles.

"ACCENT ON YOUTH" is about a girl who has difficulty in deciding between a virile young man and an older man with sense and character. The film is interesting. Herbert Marshall does extremely well as the playwright "within the play"; and Silvia Sidney rises from a generally pleasant mediocritiy to several well-done scenes. The weakness of the film (such as it is) arises from the silly overdriving of the young man's sappiness.

ARTA BALLOTS ON N.Y. STRIKE

UNION RECOGNITION WILL BE DEMANDED BY SHIP RADIO OPERATORS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 5.—The New York local of the American Radio Telegraphers' Association has elected a strike committee, preparatory to calling a strike against major ship companies here sometime this month.

The proposed strike is an outgrowth of rank discrimination on the part of the shipowners against the radio men. The shippers, while granting slight wage increases, have refused to sign agreements with the union.

The members of the New York local have been balloting for some time and the strike sentiment practically is unanimous. Demands to be put forward will include:

1) Recognition of the ARTA; 2) The eight-hour day on all ships; 3) Standard wage scales on the East and West Coast; 4) Shipping through the ARTA.

Although the strike for the most part will be directed against the New York shippers, the large number of companies involved makes the issue one of national importance. Should the strike continue for any length of time it is probable other maritine unions will be drawn in.

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OMAHA CARMEN STRUGGLE WITH POLICE, FAKERS

ARRESTS BLOCK RENEWAL OF MASS PICKETING

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 2.—Two hundred uniformed police and company thugs temporarily halted the first attempt in 3 months of striking street car men and sympathizers to resume mass picketing. At 4:30 p. m., the time set for formation of the picket line the police began rounding up workers, arresting 38, including Roger Nelson, President of the Carmen's Union, and two women

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### If You Don't Fight Against War, You'll Fight In It

Reports on international affairs and particularly the Ethiopian situation which appear in the daily press are stories thrown out to the public to conceal the real maneuvers taking place behind the scenes.

News appeared that Standard Oil was implicated. Standard Oil denied it. Then they affirmed it and said they had cancelled the deal. Were they lying when they said they were not implicated or were they lying when they said they were? One thing is clear, they are lying.

British firms admit and deny implications faster than you can keep track. The giant DuPont interests have been rumored as parties to the deal and even Italy has been reported to have had a hand in it. What is the truth?

The truth is that the whole web-like structure of capitalism is involved in the Ethiopian affair. The argument is not whether or not Ethiopia shall be looted, but who will get the loot. Wall Street barons are liars. If they claim not to be involved, it merely means they are handling their deals through dummy concerns.

Proclamations from Washington declaring that America will not become involved in foreign wars are insincere propaganda thrown out to appease public opinion.

WAR IS COMING UNLESS YOU STOP IT. The only way you can stop it is to get into an organization today. Work in that organization toward the United Front and a militant program to prevent war. If you are in a union, fight for rank and file control and see to it that your union becomes a part of the united front and backs up every anti-war move. Form the determination in your union to take strike action to stop war.

If you really want to stop war, join the Communist Party and work to build a workers' and farmers' government.

### The State Convention of The A. F. of L.

The rank and file of the American Federation of Labor trade unions of California must see to it that the delegates to the State A. F. of L. Convention in San Diego, September 16 to 21, are instructed to fight for progressive measures and resolutions instead of allowing themselves to be led astray by the red-baiting antifusion policies which Edward Vandeleur and Paul Scharenberg are prepared to put forward.

The delegates to the State Convention must be prepared to take matters in their own hands and to fight, first against the attempted expulsion of Communists and other militants, secondly, for an organized, state-wide struggle against the starvation WPA wage of \$55 per month, and thirdly, against all forms of vigilante terror.

Demand the right to your own political belief, whether it be Communist, Socialist, Democrat, or Republican. Demand prevailing trade-union rates of pay and hours on all WPA projects. Fight against vigilante terrorism in a resolution specifying the steps in this direction taken by the Sonoma and San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce and other employer groups.

By fighting for the rights to your own political beliefs you are fighting for that trade union unity so necessary at all times to preserve the gains that have been won and to struggle in the future for other gains at the expense of the employers. The fight against vigilante terror is a fight which concerns every worker, employed or unemployed, and particularly those workers who already are organized in trade unions.

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### Vice—Graft—Cops

### Politicians—Capitalism

The present Grand Jury investigation of police payoffs from San Francisco gambling dens and red lights is a circus of hypocrisy. If they really wanted to clean up vice and graft, they could put their finger on every responsible party to morrow.

But that would cure neither vice nor graft. You can shave the mold of a bad jar of jam but as soon as you turn your back, a new layer will form on it. The cause is in the decay of the jam itself.

The only way to do away with prostitution is to change the economic system which produces it. When slums, hunger, exploitation and unemployment are abolished, prostitution can be abolished. Not before.

In the Soviet Union prostitution has not only been eliminated, but the women who filled such houses completely re-educated to the new order and turned into useful citizens of the community.

How could capitalism accomplish such a task? What if they gathered up all the hundreds of women out of the San Francisco brothels. What would they do with them? Could they give them jobs at which they could maintain a respectable scale of living? Or would they drive them with the rest of the unemployed into the harvest fields to perform back breaking, slave labor for their board and room and cigaret money?

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### Medical Care and

### The Unemployed

On page 4, column 2, of this issue we print a letter from a working class mother, telling of her experience in the maternity ward of the new Los Angeles general hospital.

We referred this story to a physician who has had wide experience with the county hospitals and clinics in the Bay Area. In his opinion, women in the delivery room are forced to "hold back" their babies until the doctor is ready, not because the medical staff is inefficient or lazy, but because they are so criminally short handed.

When the doctors undertook an abortion on the young woman with the high blood pressure they knew what they were doing. They were working to save her life. The doctor's mistake when he said the child would not be born for another month was an error any doctor can make without being at fault—particularly when he is rushing madly in a hopeless race with the speed-up.

The doctors are not brutal and the nurses are not hard-hearted, in spite of appearances. They are short handed. The diet is beans, bad beans and general charity slop because the politicians in office are being "economical" and not because the hospital management is stupid.

When the hops are harvested there will be the grapes. After that other crops. Institution of the WPA will spread the undermining of wages into all other industries.

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Unemployed men should refuse to go to the agricultural fields unless granted a wage equivalent to 40 cents per hour. (In the hop fields this would mean approximately \$3.00 to \$3.50 per hundred pounds.) A hundred pounds a day would be a good average for an expert picker.

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Organized struggle, pushed and pressed relentlessly, can eventually win improvements from the lily-fingered fakers. It's been done with the SERA set-up in Los Angeles and in Alameda County.

But why should the workers deal with these callous, boss-class politicians forever?

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